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February 27, 2006

Mr. Larry Coen  
Staff Director, Department of Natural Resources  
1738 East Elm  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: Cingular Wireless / Public Notification Letter Permit Expansion

Dear Mr. Coen:

The undersigned represents Cingular Wireless ("Cingular"). Cingular currently has a Lease for a cellular telecommunication tower with Ernest and Alice Walker (the "Owners"). We received a copy of the enclosed Public Notification Letter Permit Expansion with regard to Fischer Quarry and Hauling, LLC ("Fischer") from a local resident because of their concern with regard to the proposed mining operations and the potential damage it could cause to cellular tower.

Cingular currently has a 400' guyed foot cellular telecommunication tower located on Tower Lane in Bloomsdale, Missouri which is immediately adjacent to the proposed mining site. The tower was constructed in 1990 and, while the tower is structurally sound and was designed to allow for co-location of additional antennas and/or microwave antennas, the tower foundation was not designed to sustain blasting and/or mining. Additionally, it is my understanding that Sprint too currently has a cellular telecommunications in close proximity to the proposed mining operations.

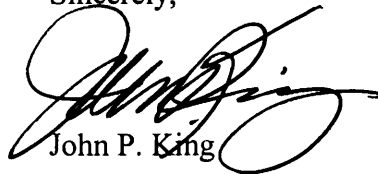
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This letter will serve as Cingular's request for a public hearing to allow Cingular the opportunity to voice concerns regarding potential structural damage to the existing cellular tower which could be caused by Fischer's blasting and/or mining. Cingular strongly believes that blasting in such close proximity to the cellular tower poses risks to the tower's foundation and stability thereby affecting safety of nearby residences. Additionally, damage to the tower would cause Cingular to cease cellular service up and until the tower was replaced or repaired. The interruption of service would cause not only a financial hardship for Cingular and any cellular carriers currently collocating on the tower but could also create a public safety problem given the prevalence of cellular phones and their usage in emergency situations.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. King

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cc: Ms. Andrea Sheehan, Cingular Wireless